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Culling of Nixon Papers Reported

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The pre-presidential papers for which President Nixon claimed a $576,000 tax deduction were culled to eliminate "sensitive" documents, even though Mr. Nixon turned the papers over to the National Archives with the specification that no unauthorized person could see them until after he left the White House.

According to testimony given to the Congressional Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, the items that were removed from the 1176 boxes of donated papers included "sensitive files respecting J. Edgar Hoover, Jacqueline Kennedy and the Vietnam war."

An inventory of the "pre-presidential papers located in President Nixon's vault at the National Archives" has been turned over to the joint committee and a copy has been obtained by the New York Times.

The inventory, which covers both the papers given to the archives and those retained by Mr. Nixon, shows that the donated items include thousands of newspaper clippings and some unclipped newspapers; 229 boxes of invitations to Mr. Nixon to attend social events or to give speeches, along with carbons of his replies, and thousands of items of correspondence.

A few items of clear historical interest were included, such as the briefing materials that were prepared for Mr. Nixon before his trips abroad as vice president.

The Associated Press reported on Friday that the staff of the joint committee had found that the donated papers were overvalued at $576,000. The appraisal was made by Ralph G. Newman of Chicago, a professional appraiser.

Items of interest not included in the gift, or in an earlier one made in 1968, included "Correspondence With President Eisenhower and His Family" during the years that Mr. Nixon was vice president, and a five-inch-thick file of "Correspondence With and Concerning Murray Chotiner," the controversial political adviser of Mr. Nixon's early years in politics, who died recently.

The pre-presidential papers still owned by Mr. Nixon also include a file dated 1965-68 and titled "Miscellaneous Correspondence on Recent Issues and Individuals, Principally Dealing With Robert Kennedy and the 1968 Campaign." Files dealing with the election of Mr. Nixon's 1968 running-mate, Spiro T. Agnew, and a 40-inch-thick folder dated 1968 and headed "Responses to a National Poll of Republicans on the Question of Nixon Running for Governor of California" are also still owned by Mr. Nixon, along with hundreds of others.

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